

## Summary of changes to the 2008 General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feed Operations

The General Permit has been modified to include the most recent changes to state and federal regulations, generated in 2003 and 2006. This list is a summary of some of the major changes between the 2000 and 2008 General Permit.

- 1) Any new CAFO operation is required to be constructed in compliance with the guidelines outlined in the February 2006 DEQ-9 circular.
- 2) The Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) must be filled out within 120 days of the issuance of the new General Permit, by all present permit holders. This corresponds to a date of February 1, 2009. The NMP must be signed and certified to meet the requirements of the new General Permit. Once completed and submitted, there is a 30 day public comment period on all NMP's. The Waste Management Plan required under the old permit has been eliminated.
- 3) All facilities holding a CAFO permit are required to submit an annual report (Form AR2) due January 28 of the following year, to describe the previous year's operations. (Example: The annual report for the 2008 operating year is due January 29, 2009)
- 4) The monitoring section has been expanded, but simplified, to make clearer what types of monitoring are needed and how often testing must be performed.
- 5) The method and requirements for facility closure is full outlined in the new General Permit.
- 6) The definitions section has been significantly expanded to cite legal references and carefully define unique terminology used in the new General Permit.
- 7) Under the new General Permit, the Department of Environmental Quality has the authority to require an individual permit if it is felt that the General Permit will not adequately protect State Waters.
- 8) The Effluent Limitations section includes requirements for both the Production area and the Land Application Area as separate requirements.
- 9) The new General Permit clarifies that the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form, also known as EPA form 3320-1, must be submitted annually, **even if no discharge event took place during the year**. This document must be submitted annually on or before January 28th, for the previous year.
- 10) The records retention section has been expanded to describe in detail the required analyses and techniques to be used and the retention period for records has been extended from 3 years to 5 years.